

**PATENT**  
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**Applicant:** Swanson  
**Serial No.:** 10/727,151  
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**Title:** Self-Anchoring Surgical  
Methods And Apparatus For  
Stimulating Tissue  
**Group Art Unit:** 3739  
**Examiner:** Roane

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

**DATED JUNE 14, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2006, please enter and consider the following:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.